

BATH FIRE-OFFICE.

ABSTRACT of the Clause in the Act of Parliament of the Sixth Year of Queen ANN, with Respect to Servants carelessly setting Fire to Houses.

WHEREAS Fires often happen by the Negligence and Carelessness of Servants; therefore, if any menial or other Servant or Servants, thro' Negligence or Carelessness, shall fire, or cause to be fired, any Dwelling-house, Out-house, or Houses, such Servant or Servants, being thereof lawfully convicted by the Oath of one or more credible Witnesses, made before two or more Justices of the Peace, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* to the Churchwardens of such Parish where such Fire shall happen, to be distributed among the Sufferers by such Fire in such Proportions as to the said Churchwardens shall seem just: And in Case of Default or Refusal to pay the same immediately after such Conviction, the same being lawfully demanded by the said Churchwardens, that then, and in such Case, such Servant or Servants shall, by Warrant under the Hand of two or more Justices of the Peace, be committed to some Workhouse, or House of Correction, as the said Justices shall think fit, for the Space of *Eighteen Months*, there to be kept to *hard Labour*.

You are desired to put this up in some public Part of the House.